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Smoking Banned, Smoker Assaulted

By Eric C. Johnson
STAFF WRITER

The Hastings Board of Directors unanimously enacted a smoking ban at its June, 1993 meeting. The new rule prohibits smoking in the college's buildings at 100, 198, and 200 McAllister Street. Smoking is still allowed in the private apartments at 100 McAllister.

Enacting the smoking ban while the college was not in session was justified as an effort to promote continuity and to have a set policy prior to the new school term. Since there was on-going debate concerning the smoking policy last year, the Board felt that there was more than adequate notice of the decision.

The Board's action was partially motivated by upcoming legislation. California State Assembly member Jacqueline Speier, a Hastings alumnus, has introduced a bill to ban smoking in all state-owned, leased, or occupied buildings. Speier's bill, A.B. 291, is currently sitting on the desk of Governor Pete Wilson, who has not expressed any opposition. If signed, the statewide ban would go into effect January 1, 1994.

The controversy over smoking restrictions started two years ago. Dean Tom Read assembled a task

force to study the issue of a smoking policy. The task force consisted of three faculty members, four staff members, and two student representatives; smokers and nonsmokers were almost evenly represented. Their adopted policy restricted smoking to the vending machines in the 200 building, and in the seminar rooms in the 198 building. In the spring of this year, several aggrieved nonsmokers complained about the second-hand smoke, especially about smoke spoiling their meals. The task force was reconvened and recommended banning smoking during business hours and

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Smoking Task Force chairman, Professor David Faigman.



PHOTO BY LESLIE HYMAN

Our new Smoking Policy.

Tenant Beaten

By Dolly Reynolds
STAFF WRITER

A series of break-ins over the summer in Hastings' West Block properties culminated in an incident August 17, in which 81-year-old Hastings tenant Helen Cummings was beaten so severely she had to be hospitalized for four days. West Block residents insist Hastings' failure to provide adequate security is partly responsible for the attack.

The break-in occurred at 324 Larkin Street, one of the four residential apartment buildings which Hastings owns and rents to non-students in the College's West Block area. All of the burglaries and the assault on Helen Cummings appear to have been committed by the same person, described as a slightly built Caucasian woman with shoulder-length, stringy dark hair. San Francisco Police have arrested a suspect they believe is responsible for the incidents. According to SFPD Robbery Division Investigator Maloney, this individual is also a suspect in a number of other crimes in which elderly people were the targeted victims.

The actual number of break-ins on Hastings property is

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Bake Sale Rules Void

Attempted Revision Violates Directors' Regulations

By Steven Feinstein
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

In an abrupt reversal, Director of Student Services Patsy Oppenheim announced at a September 22 meeting of the heads of student organizations that the newly implemented bake sale

regulations conflict with earlier regulation passed by the Board of Directors and are therefore void. "I blew it," she said. Oppenheim said she had not known that the new regulations were in direct conflict with regulation 32.110, passed by the Board of Directors eight years ago. The older rule allows each group to have two bake sales per month.

Several student organizations' heads were happy with the announcement that the new rules were void. Many had been skeptical about Oppenheim's claim that bake sales hurt the Law Cafe. When they pressed Oppenheim for figures on the alleged financial damage, she was unable to provide them. Brian McAllister, editor-in-chief of Hastings' International Comparative Law Review said that he "hope(s) the new guidelines address actual problems and not unproved minor losses of the Law Cafe."

Other students felt that the heavy regulation of student organizations was problematic, whether or not individual student organizations hurt another campus interest. Victoria Alzapiedi of the Clara Foltz Feminist Organization said she hoped the university would work to support, not hurt, the student organizations that make Hastings a more vibrant school. She was also disturbed that by prohibiting student organizations from raising funds, the administration would severely restrict the ability of student groups to operate

them, members of Food Not Bombs have continued to provide hot meals for homeless people.

According to Dixon, since the inception of Food Not Bombs, there have been no reported illnesses stemming from the food the group has provided, nor had there been any arrests in two and a half years, until recently. Beginning in late August, police began making daily arrests of people suspected of serving food and have persisted up to the present. More than 70 arrests have now been made. Local newspapers, including the Examiner, Chronicle, and Independent, reported these incidents from varying points of

view, when Judge Pro Tem Phogdell issued a preliminary injunction ordering the group to cease its food distribution program until it had obtained "the appropriate permits from the San Francisco Department of Health and the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department." When the group attempted to comply with the order by applying for the necessary documents, they were able to obtain a permit from the Health Department but found they could not get its counterpart from the Recreation and Parks Department. Since that time, Food Not Bombs have vigorously asserted that it has not been allowed to get such a thing. So, despite the court injunction against

Student Arrested for Serving Food

By Rich Jankowski
STAFF WRITER

Teal Dixon, a first-year student at Hastings, was arrested September 2 along with 11 other people who were serving food with the homeless advocacy group Food Not Bombs. The original charges filed against Dixon and the others ranged from felony conspiracy to misdemeanor assault and resisting arrest. However, since the time of the arrests, the felony conspiracy charges have been dropped. "They dropped the conspiracy, but we may still try to fight the injunction once we go to court," said Dixon.

Arrests of Food Not Bombs members began over four years

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Dean Read Quits

By Steve Anderson
STAFF WRITER

In a Sept. 23 letter to the Board of Directors, Dean Frank T. Read announced he will retire early from Hastings as of November 1, taking advantage of the UC's "VERIP III" early retirement offer.

Last February, Dean Read asked the Board of Directors for a two-year contract extension, and was offered only one year. He accepted the offer, announcing he would step down June 30, 1994. Last spring Read said he would take a one-year sabbatical after the academic year, then return to Hastings as a professor in the fall of 1995. In a lengthy *Law News* interview Sept. 7, he was still sticking to that plan.

Now, he will end all official affiliation with Hastings as of the

end of this semester.

Read announced his resignation to the faculty at a meeting Friday.

In the Sept. 23 letter, Read said his choice to retire early was the most "difficult and challenging" one he had ever made, but that his decision would be appropriate for him and his family, and "beneficial for Hastings during these troubled financial times."

Beginning in November, Read will receive retirement benefits of about \$2,000 per month. He will forfeit his current annual salary of \$168,000, plus an additional \$24,000 per year in housing expenses. According to Hastings Director of Personnel Tony Florin, Dean Read will not receive this faculty salary while he finishes teaching his Evidence course during the last two months of the semester.

The by-laws provide that Academic Dean Mary Kay Kane will serve as the Chief Executive Officer from November 1 until an interim dean is appointed or a permanent dean is chosen.

ASH President June Morse said she considered Read a conscientious administrator who was "incredibly easy to work with, and...incredibly sensitive to student issues." She said Hastings would also miss the efforts of Read's wife, Lenet Read, who has been active in the Hastings Volunteer Association. She helped organize the annual Hastings Cabaret shows held during the spring semester for the past several years.

Dean Read came to Hastings in 1988 from the University of Florida Law School, where he had led a successful fund drive for a new building. After serving as dean of three other law schools, he faced the challenge of bringing Hastings together after a scandal. Read's predecessor, Bert S. Prunty, was fired in 1987 amid charges that he misused \$250,000 in public funds. Another scandal had also struck the community: the improper use of scholarship money to purchase West Block properties.

Will State Ax College?

By Diane Lewis
STAFF WRITER

A committee of UC administrators has recommended against Governor Pete Wilson's proposal to privatize the state's public law schools.

The Ad Hoc Planning Committee, appointed by UC President Jack Pelton, recently completed a draft report that explored privatization as one of several possibilities for saving money. The report discussed privatizing one of the four UC law schools, closing one school, or raising law school fees out of proportion to those paid by other students. The committee favored the fee hike over the other two choices.

Wilson's privatization proposal went to the legislature in the form of a cost-cutting measure, as part of the governor's '93-'94 budget recommendation. It did not pass. Pelton's response to the proposal was to appoint the planning committee, whose final report will go to the Regents and governor. The committee includes the deans and top administrators of the four UC law schools.

Dean Read reported to the Hastings Board of Directors at its September meeting that the committee still needs to prepare its final report. The report reflects what U.C. believes is the best it can hope," Read said.

The committee's report said that instead of privatizing or closing a school, the UC would suffer least by imposing a "differential charge, or fee increase, to be levied either on law students alone, or on all professional students. The report said part of the higher fees should be used to improve financial aid programs and career services, and to provide "protection from further budgetary reductions."

Hastings' Dean Kane said she did not believe privatization was imminent, but she said, "I am sure that at some time in the future, given economic conditions of the state, UC will have to come up with higher fees for professional schools to absorb more of the costs." She said she hoped UC would break the "defensive pattern the University has been in over the past three to four years." Kane said it should begin gradual fee increases, creating a differential fee structure for law schools over time.

Kane agreed with the committee that privatization is not the way to balance the state budget. "We need to have access to public education at the graduate and undergraduate levels," she said.

The Governor's trial balloon may have been deflated and reshaped somewhat, but it is still floating somewhere; he's just over the horizon.



West Block

By Diane Lewis
STAFF WRITER

The fate of the West Block is still up in the air.

The Hastings Board of Directors heard an update on the West Block at its September meeting, but members said they needed more information to make a decision on the disposition of the property. The West Block parcel consists of four apartment buildings, a parking lot and an energy foundation hole next to the 200 Building. Past proposals have called for various amounts of construction and demolition on the site.

Bechtel Park Tower Corporation, a Hastings consultant, completed a feasibility study on construction of a new office and housing complex on the West Block. Their report, completed earlier this year, concluded that the project would not be financially feasible for four to five years.

College administrators' longtime dream of constructing a

NEWS BRIEFS

Compiled By THE HASTINGS LAW NEWS STAFF

Spring Bar Results

Academic Dean Kane reports that the overall passage rate for the California Bar Examination administered this past Spring was 44.2%, with Hastings' pass rate at 45.7%. 92 graduates from Hastings took the bar exam last Spring. Of these, 38, or 41% of the total, took the bar exam for the third plus time. Only 14 of the Hastings examinees were first time takers. Of those 61% passed. Dean Kane commented that because the number of Hastings students taking the bar exam in the Spring is so much smaller than in the July exam, those who are multiple repeaters have a much greater impact on the overall Hastings pass rate. Hastings students, however, can at least take comfort that Hastings graduates fared better than those from UCLA. UCLA's passage rate was 39.7%.

Be My Buddy

Hastings' student bar chapter expanded the existing "buddy programs" this year, offering guided tours of our sprawling campus to the whole class of '96. Buddy programs at Hastings have traditionally been offered by student groups such as BALSA, APALSA, and the Under 65 Club for their members only. This year is the first time that a buddy program is being offered to the entire first year class. The American Bar Association/Law Student Division (ABA/LSO) runs the program. Bob Alano, co-coordinator of the Program with Rachel Russell, said the demand has been tremendous from the first year class. The problem is that there aren't enough buddies to go around for the 200 plus students who requested one. Since only about 100 second and third year volunteers to be buddies, many had to take on two first year students to show them the ropes of first year trench warfare. Typically that involves taking out the fledgling for a lunch or two, keeping tabs on his/her academic progress, listening to complaints, reassuring them that there is light at the end of the tunnel, as well as explaining the finer points of law school life. Alano said he and Russell had to work overtime to keep up with the demand. Next year, the program is going to be bigger and better, he said. ABA/LSO plans to expand the program in conjunction with the student groups that have traditionally provided the buddy programs. Coordinating the Buddy Program with the student groups will help cater to preferences of the first years by matching them with a Buddy from a similar background. Alano says, "we can pretty much get everyone next year if we organize it right." Those interested should leave a note in Bob Alano's SIC folder.

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Hastings Tells Bar Reviews to Get Out

By Steven Feinstein
Editor-In-Chief

Bar review companies' access to campus has been severely restricted under new regulations adopted by the Director of Student Services, Patsy Oppenheim.

The new policy, which is modeled after the system at UCLA, will allow the companies and their student representatives to be on campus during only one week each semester. In addition, companies and their student representatives will be prohibited from placing literature in SIC folders and on all but one of the campus' bulletin boards. The companies are also prohibited from giving away gifts, like course review materials or T-shirts, that have a value of over three dollars.

This is a drastic change from last year's policy, under which the companies and their student representatives ran tables in the Louis B. Mayer lounge every day. In the past the companies and their student representatives would also place promotional materials in students' SIC folders

and pass out literature at student events that they financially sponsor.

Oppenheim argued that the new drastic restrictions are necessary because the bar review companies' competitive tactics, from table moving to the occasional physical altercation, resulted in conflict that the was required to mediate. She also said that some students had complained that filling their SIC folders with glossy brochures was harmful to the environment.

Dean Tom Read said he was not familiar with the regulations and could not comment on them. Dennis Chisalm, regional director for BAR/BRI, did not object to the changes. He said, "The sweeps week or any other system is fine, as long as the system is regulated and the companies are on equal footing."

Jeffrey Scheiner, California director of PMBR, said that when bar review companies had access to campus "students had an open forum" to learn about the courses. "I thought exchanging information was what law school is all about." He also said that the one week where the companies

are allowed access "will be like a blood bath." In addition he said that the regulations are "a disservice to the students. It is telling the students that they don't have a mind of their own." Scheiner also said that PMBR would stop holding courses at Hastings because it does not want to pay rent to a school that is denying the company access to campus.

Gary Saunders, Northern California Director of Barpassers, said while they will abide by any rules that are applied equally he said that he "would like more exposure to students so they can make comparisons." He continued that it "is interesting that this happened when we just worked out a code of conduct with BAR/BRI to clean up bar review" sales.

Eliot Disner, a Los Angeles attorney that represents Barpassers, commented that "the one thing a law student buys that has any value is a bar review course and to limit access to information about the companies that offers the course makes it tough on the students." He hoped that "the powers that be" could be

persuaded to take a middle ground. He said that a public school has an obligation to "find the least restrictive alternative" to solve a perceived problem. Disner said that as an antitrust lawyer, "it is discouraging" that the new regulations raise the cost of entry into the market and "favors the big players."

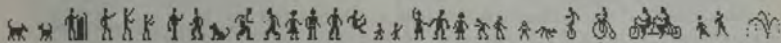
Some questioned whether Hastings, a public university, restricting the speech of students and schools that have traditionally had access to campus is a violation of the right to free speech enumerated in the first amendment to the United States constitution. Hastings Constitutional Law professor Calvin Massey said that the state is only allowed to censor lawful non-misleading commercial speech, like that of the Bar Review companies, if the government interest is substantial, the regulations directly advance the substantial government interest and there is a reasonable fit between the regulations and the government interest.

Massey concluded that the new policy is "probably a problem under *Cincinnati v. Discovery Network*." In *Cincinnati v.*

Discovery Network, a March 1993 decision by the United States Supreme Court, *Discovery Network*, a school which distributed its course listings from street news racks, sued after the city banned their and other companies 62 "commercial" news racks while allowing newspapers to continue using their 2000 news racks. The court held that the withdrawal of 62 out of 2000 news racks promoted no legitimate state interest and was therefore prohibited. The court also held that city's differentiation between newspapers and commercial speech was not content neutral and the regulations therefore did not qualify as a valid time, place or manner restriction on constitutionally protected speech.

There are a number of parallels between *Cincinnati v. Discovery Network* and the Bar Review regulations. One is that both involve the content-based speech restrictions that have been frowned on by the current Supreme Court, here the university allows the symphony, LEXIS, and other companies

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Gun Crazy

By Elaine Paplos
STAFF WRITER

The Hastings Board of Directors will decide on December 3rd whether or not its peace officers will be armed. The Board concluded at its July meeting that more information on how often the campus security officers come in contact with violence is needed before the Board will vote on arming the Peace Officers.

The battle over the officers' campaign firearms started last November when Chief John Ophelm wrote a memo to the senior management at Hastings, requesting firearms for the force. Under California Penal Code subclass, §30.4 (c), Hastings qualified officers have "peace officer status" in the city and county of San Francisco, but are precluded from carrying firearms "either on or off duty."

Last January, Dean Tom Read endorsed a Weapon Task Force, headed by Professor Martha Cohen, to gather information and views from faculty and students for the Board of Directors on arming the Peace Officers. While Dean Tom Read made it clear that the administration took no position on the issue of firearms, he was "a little surprised" that

students had not shown stronger reactions to the proposal.

The administration, students, and faculty members have been reluctant to "officially" decide on arming Hastings peace officers. "This is a split issue," said June Morse, ASH President. "Look at our neighborhood... a lot of this has to do with whether or not you've had your life threatened on campus." Even though ASH has addressed the issue of arming Peace Officers, they have yet to provide an official declaration endorsing or objecting to firearms on campus. According to Morse, this "no stance approach" is representative of the split in the student body.

The neighborhood surrounding Hastings is "one of the most dangerous in the City of San Francisco," writes Chief Ophelm in his November letter to Ed Levine. "This is well documented by the San Francisco Police Department and the ongoing statistics they formally compile."

Even if the Board were to vote and approve of arming the officers, state law would have to be changed before the officers could be armed. Guns would not be seen at Hastings until January 1, 1995 at the earliest.

Watch Out For Dean Martinez

By Robert S. Tanner
STAFF WRITER

If you want to know who is running the show at Hastings, look no further than new Associate Academic Dean Leo Martinez. "I'm the one who's really in charge," he says with a smile.

His responsibilities cover a broad area that includes student services, career services, disability resources, records, admission, and the Legal Education Opportunity Program. While he has not had the chance to pursue many changes yet, he did express concern about the fall enrollment process. "It didn't go as smoothly as hoped. It's much more refined than from my days as a student but it still needs a little tinkering, a little tweaking," Martinez spoke enthusiastically about having an open meeting on the subject some time in the next two weeks. "I'm largely indifferent to the form it takes, so long as it makes sense, and if that's the case we ought to accommodate student concerns with respect to how priorities are determined and the allocation of classes. All of that, all of that can be improved."

Martinez said he is concerned that the UC early retirement

incentive program might be restricting course offerings. "We have less flexibility on course selection. We're aware we have certain holes in the curriculum. The first year curriculum is pretty solid, it's in the second and third years that we could fill in the blanks a little." We could use another labor law person for example."

Martinez who graduated from Hastings in 1978, when the school was still dominated by the 65 Club. Today a first year section might not have any 65 Club members as professors. It has become increasingly difficult for the school to hire new 65 Club members. One of the main reasons for this has been the end of mandatory retirement in most states. Because of their advanced age, professors eligible for the

club are often inclined to stay right where they are. If they are professors of the high standards that Hastings is looking for, then their current school is most likely to keep them around as long as possible. A few of these reasons have led to a slow decline in the number of 65 Club professors at Hastings.

Martinez will continue to teach some classes. Still he says he will miss the thrill of having a first year section. "There is nothing like getting acquainted with them when they are at their peak of enthusiasm and seeing how they progress. I'm teaching the statutory elective in the spring, but it's not the same because they will have already been indoctrinated by someone else, and I'll miss that. I'll miss that."

Administrator's Husband Dies

By Robert P. Silverstein
STAFF WRITER

LI Jerry E. Butler of the San Francisco Fire Dept. died August 17 from injuries sustained while

currently in a facility to counsel him, protect him and protect us," Carr said.

LI. Butler, 39, became a



fighting a high-rise fire on August 14. He was the husband of Hastings LEOP Director Sue Ellen Lumbek.

LI. Butler was the first San Francisco firefighter killed in the line of duty since 1988; he was also the first black firefighter to die in the line of duty in the city's history, Lumbek said. His death came six years to the day that he joined the department.

LI. Elmer B. Carr, head of the department's fire investigation unit, said the inferno at Eichler Tower in the Vista Point Valley area of the city "was set intentionally by a juvenile 'fire setter.'" Carr said the term "fire setter" denotes someone who sets fires because of emotional problems, as opposed to "arsonists," who typically set fires to cover up crimes.

The alleged perpetrator was a seven-year-old boy. "He is

lieutenant on Oct. 15, 1992. He was part of a crew that received a unit citation for meritorious action following the 1989 earthquake. He was also active in the Black Firefighters Association.

Assistant Chief Robert Demmons, past president of the Black Firefighters Association and a close friend of the deceased, remembered LI. Butler as "genuinely concerned about other people. He was also a person truly committed to his family. You couldn't talk to Jerry for ten minutes without him talking about his wife and daughters."

A fund has been established for the benefit of LI. Butler and Lumbek's children — Andrea, 7, and Daniela, 6. Donations may be sent to the Jerry Butler Fund, c/o San Francisco Fireman Credit Union, 2390 Market St., San Francisco, CA 94114.

Student Fees Increase, Again

By Dolly Reynolds
STAFF WRITER

Although Hastings students saw their registration fees increase 22 percent this year to an all time high of \$3830, it could have been worse. According to Director of Fiscal Services Debbie Tran, registration fees were originally supposed to go up to \$4095, but a last-minute compromise between Governor Wilson and the Legislature poured \$50 million back into the UC budget and saved each student \$265. Non-resident tuition remained the same at \$7,699.

It's unclear whether students' fees will continue to increase at the same rate. According to Hastings Chief Financial Officer Joan Majerus, the preliminary budget proposals being worked out in Sacramento have the funding allocation for UC at about the same level. But this doesn't necessarily mean anything. "They said the

same thing last year at this time," said Majerus. "No one really knows what the budget is going to be until they calculate how much revenue has come in, and that doesn't happen until May. Unfortunately, we can't even let the students know how much they're going to have to pay until next June."

Majerus said out-of-state fees will probably stay the same. U C

commissioned a study that found that California is "on the cutting edge of not being competitive, because it charges its non-resident students so much to attend our universities." Majerus also noted that at Hastings, there's a large decrease in the number of out-of-state students in this year's first year class, and "the high tuition they have to pay may be a factor in the decrease."

Even with all the fee increases over the past years, Hastings is apparently still a bargain for California residents. The same UC study found that nationally, state law schools charge an average of \$6,000 in fees to their resident students.

Hastings is under a statutory mandate to follow the UC fee schedule. However, the statute expires in 1996, and if Hastings chooses not to renew, it has the constitutional authority to deviate from the UC schedule and charge its students either more or less than other UC law schools.



Dean Search Committee

By Anthony L. François
STAFF WRITER

The Hastings Dean Search Committee met in open session on Thursday, September 9, 1993, to report on the search process and set deadlines for the search. The Committee expects that the new dean will be selected by December of 1993.

The Committee's task is to select a replacement for outgoing Dean Tom Read, who has served as dean since 1988.

Committee member Professor C. Keith Wingate reported that the search process started in the spring of 1993, when solicitations for nominations and applications were distributed to Hastings faculty members and to the deans of each ABA-approved law school in the United States. Advertisements were also listed in the Chronicle of Higher

Education, The National Law Journal, and the ABA Journal. The solicitations yielded over 100 nominations and applications, which faculty members

"Right now 26 law schools are looking for deans."

considered over the summer break.

The committee adopted a new schedule calling for on-campus interviews of selected candidates from October 25 through November 12. The search committee will meet Monday, November 15, to decide which applicants will be presented to the faculty for approval and forwarding to the Board of Directors. The faculty will then

consider the final list in late November and vote on whether to submit each candidate to the Board of Directors. A two-thirds vote is necessary for a candidate to receive faculty recommendation. The Board of Directors will then consider the list and select the new Dean in early December. The committee met in closed session immediately following the open session to review the qualifications of the applicants.

Search Committee chair James E. Mahoney commented on the task before the group during a telephone interview on September 21, 1993. "Right now 26 ABA law schools are looking for deans," said Mahoney. "I think that we have a jump on those schools in terms of timing. I'm tremendously impressed with the talent of the faculty who have been involved with the Search Committee," he said.

Dia De La Raza

By Doug Carlin
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Rhythmic salsa music, festive decorations, and authentic Latin food combined to transform the Louis B. Mayer Lounge into an intimate cantina on the evening of September 24. The occasion was Dia de la Raza, an annual event organized by the students of La Raza.

The event began with Beer on the Beach in the warm September sun. At 5:00, students were invited inside to continue the celebration.

The purpose of the event was not solely celebratory. The evening began with speaker Professor Gerry Lopez from Stanford Law School. Professor Lopez is a graduate of Harvard Law School and an outspoken proponent of

taking a progressive approach to practicing law.

Professor Lopez spoke about the anti-immigrant sentiment that he sees gaining support in California and the United States. He feels that Governor Pete Wilson and Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein have begun to use this sentiment to enhance their political standing. Much of his speech was directed towards the various groups within the Latino community. He was especially concerned about the attitudes of second and third generation Latino immigrants who see new immigrants as a significant problem for the future of California.

Several students were unhappy that the food was not served until after the speakers were finished. La Raza President Mary Gonzales explained that the policy of having

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Pedestrian Interviews

Interviews By Steven Feinstein
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What do you think about the new complete ban on smoking in all Hasings buildings?



Mike Harper
3rd year

I think it is a little overdone. I don't smoke, but there ought to be someplace somebody can go to have a cigarette.

Elizabeth Potter
1st year

Since I don't smoke, the ban is great for me.



Nagy Marcos
1st year

Now, those of us who do smoke can't be bothered by people who don't like smoking staring at us with their ugly-looking faces, because they can go inside.

Claire Holihan
3rd year

I feel bad for making people feel like rats who have to go outside to smoke, but it is nicer not to have smoke inside.



Chris Harrington
3rd year

Those of us who participated in Professor Faigman's smoking open forum did so in good faith and were totally ignored. We feel totally disenfranchised.

Hussein Sifori
2nd year

It sucks.



Notes from the Basement

By June Morse
ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF
HASTINGS PRESIDENT

Estimated Legal Needs for California

Governor Wilson has created an ad-hoc committee to estimate the legal needs of the state of California to the year 2000. While the final report will not be submitted to Governor Wilson until early October, the statistics available in the draft report of the ad-hoc committee are useful. The report estimates that between the years 1989 and 2000 California will produce 74,000 attorneys yet there will only be an estimated need for 70,000 attorneys. On top of this, the committee recommends increasing enrollment at public law schools because of the continued unmet need of the poor and public interest sector.

Pass the Worry Stone . . . Hastings graduates who want to stay in the Bay Area have more to worry about than just the estimates of the ad-hoc committee report or the current state of the economy. California continues to be a destination point for many new graduates of other schools.

Hastings graduates not only have to worry about competing against Boalt and Stanford graduates, but against graduates from top law schools from around the country who are attracted to the life-style of the Bay area and other California cities offer.

On top of this, firms continue to downsize, economize and become more efficient in answer to client demands for more responsible billing. Public interest jobs are becoming more and more competitive. The tradition of getting an offer from a second year summer job is becoming a thing of the past.

This is all evidence that the role of a strong and competent Career Services at Hastings is going to become more and more critical in helping graduates find legal jobs.

Our Career Services v. Their Career Services. Stanford, Boalt, Golden Gate and Santa Clara all lost their law school Career Services directors this past year. One director deserted California for Oregon, where the placement supposedly isn't so dismal. So difficulty in legal placement is not a problem

unique to Hastings.

One of the more successful legal placement offices is New York University's law school, with a staff of 15. Students also pay private tuition, over \$12,000/year. Hastings has a three-member Career Services staff (a 4th staff member starts October 1) and a resident student pays around \$5,000 in fees. While it is unlikely that Hastings will ever have a 15-member Career Services, there is probably a happy medium to keep us competitive in the legal job hunt.

ASH Needs You!

ASH has scheduled two Career Services forums, Wednesday, October 6 and Wednesday, October 27. Both forums will be from 3:40 p.m. in classroom B1.

The first forum will give students an opportunity to introduce ideas and suggestions on 1) how to use the resources we do have to make the Career Services office work better for us and 2) what resources we want to see added. An information sheet and suggestion form will be SIC dropped to all students Monday, October 4th. Most students can

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Food Not Bombs Arrest

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view. At one recent lunch serving on September 15, 28 officers, including a full down clad in riot gear, were present. There were

according to him. Demonstrators shouted, "Shame," at the police as they took Food Not Bombs members into custody. They questioned the illegality of feeding hungry people. Meanwhile, onlookers watched with mixed

On the other hand, many, including Dixon, say the recent wave of arrests is connected to Mayor Jordan's "Matrix" program, which they say is aimed at removing homeless people from areas frequented by tourists.

After the arrests, the group trust had gathered in support of Food Not Bombs marched across the street, up the steps of City Hall, and back across to the park, chanting slogans and waving signs. During this time, people were prevented from entering City Hall for about twenty minutes. Eventually though, the crowd dispersed around 1:30 p.m. Few of the officers present were willing to make any sort of statement at all, with one notable exception. This ranking officer, who asked to remain nameless, answered questions only half-seriously, due to his professional personal belief that a sense of humor is crucial for good law enforcement. To him, the day's scene "wasn't much, just a lot of noise." When asked if he thought that the throwing of a stale bagel at a peace officer warranted a battery charge, he offered the following reply: "If you let these radical peace-trunks throw bagels, the next thing you know they've got rocket launchers and A-bombs."



Photo By Laura Ilwaco

Food Not Bombs member Mike Linder, arrested in front of City Hall

three arrests made in conjunction with food distribution, as well as one for battery, involving a thrown bagel. A bucket of soup, made from materials donated by local merchants, was confiscated from Food Not Bombs by Officer Leroy Linder, to be used later for evidence

emotion, some supporting the group, others merely bemused. Asked for comment, Linder said: "[This is] not a homeless issue, it's a health issue." He viewed the practices of Food Not Bombs as unsanitary and said that free food is available for those who need it.

Local Scene: Life in the Tenderloin

This is the first in a series. If you would like us to print your photo of Tenderloin life, please submit it to the Law News box in the SIC office.



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Sophia Ng On the Subject Of... Travel by Train

Of all the means of transportation, I like trains the best.

A train trip is the best thing money can buy that will allow you to really see the area you're traveling through from one place to another. Flying on an airplane is fast but you can hardly see a thing after it takes off. A cruise is great, but you're limited as to how much land you actually get to see. Bus is more tiring than rewarding. Drive a car yourself? That's great for a short distance, but cross country or even just from state to state? I'd rather have someone else do the driving. But train has got its limitations too. For instance, we have not yet constructed a transatlantic railroad system.

Sitting on a train, whether you are in an air-conditioned room or a packed car, the feeling of being rapidly carried forward is breathtaking. If the weather is pleasant, put the windows down (if you can) and let the wind blow through your hair, brush along your face and neck, siphon through your skin to give you that refreshing feeling. Picture after picture of scenery passes you by quickly, giving you just enough time to appreciate the view. Since the train is quickly moving along, traveling at 70, 80 miles per hour or even more, you're forced to face everything ahead of you, and once you pass them by, you're made to put them quickly behind you. This process has its healing virtues as well. Try to think of all your troubles when you're aboard a train, and when you leave behind you the views along the way, also throw behind you all your troubles and worries. Then take a deep breath and relax, and let the breeze be your healer, slowly mend your wounds.

It might seem untimely for me to talk about riding trains after the disastrous Amtrak accident. But, what is a better time? Accidents happen every day — plane crashes, car crashes, bus overturns, and on and on it goes. If I advocated riding trains after a gigantic fatal plane crash, I might be thought of as a lobbyist for train companies, so I'll say it now: traveling by train is great fun.

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OPINION

En Banc

What About Free Speech?

Ahh, summer, when a law student's thoughts turn to work and the future, and a law school — at least this one — imposes authoritarian regulations on its students. Upon returning to school this fall we at the *Law News* were shocked to learn that the university had created three sets of repressive rules which will harm students and be enforced through the school's disciplinary procedures. Procedures that Eddie Kenyon would be happy to explain to the first year, if he hadn't been expelled last year.

First years should know that Hastings plays tough. Beyond expelling Kenyon, this is the school that once sealed the *Law News* office and attempted to block two of its editors from state bar admission. Hastings also overrode a vote of students who wanted an activist attorney as their graduation speaker. With this kind of history we have to take a serious look at the implications of any new rule emerging from the administration or the Board of Directors, even if they seem trivial.

The policy that treats the most students was Director of Student Services Patry Oppenheim's edict drastically limiting student groups' bake sales. Thankfully, Oppenheim has since admitted that the regulations contradict earlier regulations passed by the Board of Directors and are therefore void. However, these regulations are still upsetting for many reasons.

First, the administration showed a total lack of respect for the right of students and student organizations to be politically and socially active. This includes the right of students to support themselves independently through fund-raising on campus. The administration has to get through their heads that this is a state law school, not a private junior high school. They can't do whatever the hell they want to restrict students and student groups.

The bake sale regulations also are needless. Oppenheim claims that the Law Cafe cannot handle the competition, but she offers no figures to support this conclusion. If the college is so concerned about the Law Cafe's profit margin we suggest reopening the smoking section in the Cafe so the Law Cafe can make money selling cigarettes and food to its smoking customers.

The new rules regulating bar review courses disturbed us as well. They were imposed for no good reason. The fact that the administration does not understand that students should be free to sit in the lounge and distribute literature is unbelievable. It is only a matter of time before this ban will be extended and affect other students. Unbelievable as well is the idea that the administration is censoring what it put

in the SIC folders. Not only are the rules stupid, but they are also unconstitutional. First, our SIC folders are forums for free speech. Second, the administration is arbitrarily differentiating between commercial speakers. The symphony and Westlaw are approved while others are forbidden.

Further, regulations on bake sales and bar review companies, written primarily by Oppenheim over the summer, were imposed at the start of the year when new first year students wouldn't know any better. It is clear that Oppenheim had only the best intentions in writing rules to prevent conflict. However, the road to hell is paved with good intentions and free speech and association involve conflict.

Regulations that restrict student association and expose students to disciplinary proceedings must be approved through a more elaborate process than the thoughts of one mid-level administrator who perhaps consults with a couple of students. The dangers of such a procedure were shown clearly in this instance by the fact that the rules were declared void. There must be a more formal procedure. At a minimum proposed rules and rule changes should be published so that students may comment on them prior to a vote by the Board of Directors. This notice and comment procedure would be even more effective if it were combined with significant student representation on the Board.

Much to our chagrin, our faculty and Board of Directors showed their true colors this summer as well. The faculty voted to ignore the recommendation of the smoking task force with its support for a total ban on smoking. The Board of Directors also ignored the task force and agreed with the faculty. As student members of the smoking task force predicted, students have already been assaulted while smoking outside at night. If any student is injured while smoking outside, the faculty and the Board of Directors will have that student's blood on their hands.

The administration should follow the Constitutions of the United States and the State of California and allow unfettered student speech, association, and fund-raising. Give smokers a small place to indulge their addiction without being in danger of physical violence. Let neighboring businesses speak as well, let them promote their bar review courses, pizzas, and bank accounts in our SIC folders and on campus. What is the administration afraid of? That we may be able to get \$2.00 off a pizza? Or perhaps they are afraid that if we are organized we might be able to successfully fight the next ridiculous set of rules that the college attempts to impose on us.

Letters to the Editor

Thank You

I am writing to express my thanks for the kindness shown to me by the Hastings community following the death of my husband Firefighter Lt. Jerry "Gene" Butler. Your support and prayers were comforting and allowed me to return to work knowing that there will be understanding if I am not always at my best.

Sue E. Lunbeck
LEOP Director

Club the 65 Club

The 65 Club: a hallowed tradition at Hastings College of Law. Hallowed and belittled is what I have discovered. I've

When did the 65 Club become the "105 years old and unintelligible club?"

been here for three weeks and must have developed three ulcers from one particular member of that distinguished club. When did the 65 Club become the "105 years old and unintelligible club?" For the past few weeks I have been hitting myself for never learning to read lips. I have known it was a prerequisite for Hastings. How else is anyone expected to understand a professor who I am sure has brilliant things to say but cannot aptly communicate them to the class? For 50 minutes twice a week I ponder the benefits of that distinguished club while I listen to backchannel signals. For those of you studious ones who are wondering about my lack of anal-retentive "first-yeariness," taking notes is just not an option for those of us who were not born with descramblers in our ears. Ironically, the best part of class

is when the professor asks the students questions. Everybody is always wrong on the first try. (and second and third), and boy does this professor's patience get tried by our stupidity. It is at this point that I get excited. My ears perk up, thrilled that I will finally have something other than doodles to fill my empty piece of paper. "Wrong!"

I have never been so happy to hear that word. I then begin to hope masochistically that he will continue to ask questions and make us all feel like idiots, for feeling stupid is far better than my brain feeling numb and my blood pressure rising. (Are nervous breakdowns covered under Hastings' health insurance plan?) My brain acknowledges that signals are coming through, but refuses to decode the mumbled messages. Let me tell you, the sympathy and groans I hear from the second and third years upon mention of this professor's name are not exactly inspiring. Nor are the statistics they spout—i.e. the high failure rate.

I sincerely don't doubt the benefits of this distinguished club and I am sure that these elderly professors have incredible amounts of knowledge and experience to share with the new generation. However, I find it unconscionable that the Hastings Administration continues to allow professors to teach without ascertaining that the students at Hastings are actually benefiting from the brilliant 65 and over minds they boast of in their brochures. Given my profound luck (another 65er will be joining my section next semester), I am dreading the long low read ahead of me (Hastings' new Dean may want to include some thoughts on the health of some of the members of the faculty at next year's orientation to at least prepare students for their upcoming torture).

In closing, I ask my readers and fellow law school students one question: Is this torture more interesting fair and reasonable? In other words, if I fail, do I have a Tort case on my hands?

Francine Amega
First Year

Guest Editorial

Dean Reagan

By Adrian Henry
Triminio

THIRD YEAR

Hello, fellow Hastings students and lawyers to be. As you know, Tom Read is about to step down after six years as Dean of Hastings College of the Law. In order to properly fulfill his fiduciary duty to the school, he has undertaken to help find a replacement for his post. Bear in mind that being dean of one of this country's elite law schools is no easy task. That is why, after much analysis and pondering, I submit to you my reasons why former President Ronald Wilson Reagan would make a great Dean of Hastings.

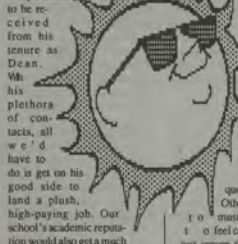
The first and most obvious reason is that he is not Bill Clinton. Unlike the gentleman currently occupying the White House, Ronald Reagan is a leader! He not only holds solid beliefs, but surprisingly, he actually stands by them regardless of how unpopular they might be. "Nuff said.

Dean Reagan would serve as an inspirational model for us all. Like the perennial American tale, he is a man who rose from humble beginnings to become a great

president. The Gipper's life is a journey which began in Eureka College and ended in the White House.

Just think, folks, of the opportunities this one man can bring to our school. The possibilities are endless! The good publicity he would attract to Hastings is but one of many benefits

to be received from his tenure as Dean. While his plethora of contacts, all we'd have to do to get on his good side to land a plush, high-paying job. Our school's academic reputation would also get a much needed facelift. Robert Bork would jump at the chance to work under his former benefactor. And it's almost a sure bet that Dean



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Guest Editorial

The Concrete Voyeur

By Rich Jankowski
FIRST YEAR

I want to say a few things about the Beach. I am sure most of you are familiar with the stylishly urban campus of my recently joined legal alma mater, Hastings. But we

all have our own opinion about the Beach. To some, it is no more than a bare strip of concrete strewn with new anemic-looking trees. Maybe it represents just another step on the reputedly noble, but unquestionably long quest for law degree. Others, not even able to

muster enough energy to feel content, probably just ignore the whole damned subject. Me, I go a whole different perspective on the patio-type area under 19th McAllister. I love the Beach in all of its beautiful ugliness. It's so honest, so real. And believe me, that's a refreshing

break from the complex, abstract world of bilateral excretory agreements and trespasses on the case. If you haven't spent any time on the Beach in between classes, I highly recommend it. It can really clear the mind.

The string of sunny days in late August drew me to the Beach like a moth to a flame. But I suspect that my attraction had much deeper source than the mere desire to catch a few UV rays. Now, before any nasty rumors got started (here, at Hastings? never!), let me make some things clear. No, I definitely don't harbor some deep-seated hostility toward grass and no, I don't think that I am subconsciously trying to revive my beach bum years at U.C. Santa Cruz with the closest substitute at hand. If you want to know the truth, it's the view that brings me to the Beach.

I am a self-professed people watcher. Unfortunately, for some, that phrase may carry bad connotations with it ("Hello, My name is Rich, and I like to watch people..."). So I'm here to dispel the myth: people watching is not a social disease or deviant behavior. Rather, it is a wonderfully rewarding, immensely cheap, and endlessly entertaining pastime. In

just a few short minutes of people watching, for example, you can spot nearly every single mental imbalance you ever learned about in Intro to Psych no matter where you are. And, if you go to the right places, you can witness drug transactions, arguments, or brawls, as well as a wide assortment of other illegal activities—all depending on the locale. Finally, almost anywhere you go in San Francisco, you can see people refusing to give change to people huddled in a corner, mistaking of their own piss and/or vomit. Now, that's education!

You'll have to excuse that last outburst. I've been having too much coffee and Rollins in my diet lately. Now where was I? Oh yeah, the Beach.... It's a veritable gold mine for those of us with a secret passion for human observation. Just watch the networking and the schmoozing, the spouse-shopping and the studying. Whatever your particular people watching perspective is, whether it's angry revolutionary Marxist analysis or reactionary conservative holier-than-thou disdain, you can enjoy yourself here. After all the time I spent at the Beach during

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"From dialogue comes truth"

In Search of the Wolf

By Scott B. Johnson
OPINION EDITOR

"Again the boy came running into the village, screaming of the wolf who was devouring his sheep. But the people of the village had tired of the boy's screams, of his many false alarms, and the people paid him no mind."

Too many people failed to learn from the parable of The Boy Who Cried Wolf. These days the frequency with which Joe Schmo is accused of being racist and sexist and homophobic and etcetera has reached farcical heights. Joe's not such a bad guy.

Maxine Waters tells me that George Bush's racist attitudes were a contributing factor to the Los Angeles riots. PBS tells me the Senate Judiciary Committee was racist for hesitating to scrutinize Clarence Thomas' past.

Ms. Manners, I remember, lectured to my first year section that white boys are racist because they control society. My roommate tells me I am racist if I "don't understand other cultures."

Is there a wolf? I don't think so.

Next there's sexism. I don't understand what it means to be "sexist." Women tell me I am sexist if I treat females differently than males.

"Then allow me to accompany you to the restroom," I told her.

Turned out I was nevertheless sexist for appearing to want to be in the room when she dropped her drawers.

Do you see the wolf? I don't. The protesters at the Federal Building bellowed about how the sexagenarian General is homophobic for believing the twenty-something heterosexual enlaced guys will not bond with the enlisted guys.

It is now homophobic to recognize the presence of homophobia.

Still Waiting for the Wolf,

Perhaps he'll arrive with Godot.

When the elderly call his head the 19-year-old lesbian high school misfit Donahue guest that our public schools should teach reading and writing, and not alternative life-styles, she accused the caller of "ageism."

The wolf, in his den somewhere, scratched his head.

Racist and Sexist and Homophobic and etcetera were once powerful words which dealt a significant verbal blow to the one on the receiving end. Through offense, misuse and general abuse these formerly unsettling words now leave many of us, leave me, quite unmoved.

The boy has cried wolf too many times. There was a time when I, too, wanted to chase the wolf away. But I've learned that the wolf usually isn't there. The boy has lost all once sympathetic ear.

One day the wolf may actually appear, poised to bite the boy.

I hope he is able to find some help.

FEATURES

Alternative Forums

Things to do in the Bay Area

By Steven Feinstein

Appam — Cuisine of Old India

Appam, at 1259 Folsom between 7th and 8th, is a new Indian restaurant that is a welcome addition to own wonderful Hastings neighborhood. According to the lengthy story on the menu, they use the Dum Pukht method of cooking. This 300-year-old method involves cooking food in clay pots that are steamed in a bakhart, or wood-fired oven. The dishes come to the table in their pot, covered with bread that is dramatically removed by the waiter, something I have never before seen in an Indian restaurant.

The restaurant is nicely decorated and has a full bar. The Saturday night I went there the fairly small room was busy, but we did not have to wait for a table even though we did not have a reservation.

We started with the boneless quail andoori appetizer which is served with a tamarind sauce for \$4.95. The single quail was very small but good. Many of the dishes at Appam included more fruit and vegetables than one normally finds at an Indian restaurant. The restaurant also has an extensive vegetarian menu.

As entrees we had Lal Maas (\$10.95) and prawn in saffron sauce (\$10.95). As advertised on the menu, the Lal Maas was a fiery hot lamb dish cooked with hot red peppers and vinegar. It was a little too hot for me but it was very good. The prawns were not as good, the saffron sauce was a little boring and the prawns were kind of tough.

For bread we had the plain nan (\$2.00) and goat cheese, peppers and onion kulcha (\$4.95). Both were very good. Our request for raita, a yogurt and cucumber sauce, was rebuffed, but they provided what they called mint chutney, which was a nice, though not raita, yogurt-based sauce.

Appam provided innovative, quality Indian food at reasonable prices, especially reasonable if one uses the Entertainment '94 coupon book, which will offer two entrees for the price of one.

The restaurant is open for lunch on weekdays from 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. and for dinner every night from 5:00-10:00 p.m. Their phone number is 626-2798.

High Holidays

After two years of less than overwhelming Jewish high holiday services at San Francisco Hillel, I ventured over to experience Berkeley. For Rosh Hashanah and Kol Nidre I went to the "Egalitarian Traditional" service, which means that you add to the already long Conservative service an endless number of additional readings. The services were fine, though way too long for my taste, until Rabbi Rona Shapiro's Kol Nidre sermon.

Her sermon was a self-indulgent discussion that used the fast of Yom Kippur as a good time to discuss her own eating disorder and how society is at fault for this terrible disease, which she claims is killing 150,000 women a year. Beyond her ludicrous statistics and her failure to have any understanding of the psychological and family problems that often express themselves in eating disorders, her sermon included many bizarre elements. The most bizarre was her repeated references to ancient pot-bellied goddess idols as some sort of ideal. The number one rule of Judaism is to avoid idolatry at all costs. She also endorsed censorship of student newspapers to promote her rigid world view, which certainly did not help connect this student newspaper editor to God.

For Yom Kippur day, having had more than enough of Rabbi Shapiro and a service that alternated between the languid and the pagan, I ventured to the Reform service led by Rabbi Dan Dorfman. The Reform service was a breath of fresh air, moving briskly through well chosen prayers and readings. Dorfman's sermon was an interesting discussion of the paradox between the determinism of being sealed in the book of life or the book of death on Yom Kippur and the Jewish emphasis on free will and controlling one's actions.

At Lunch With... Dan Lungren

First in a Series

By Steven Feinstein

EDITOR IN CHIEF

This article is the first of a series where I will have lunch with someone interesting at someplace interesting and let you all know what the person had to say and most importantly, how was lunch. In the interest of full disclosure, I want to state that this idea has been copied without permission from the San Francisco Examiner.

I spent \$88 last fall at the HPIL auction to have lunch with Dan Lungren, the attorney general of California. At the time I was very upset about the fact that after a lengthy investigation of Sears auto repair shops, which were doing unnecessary "repairs," Lungren let Sears off the hook in exchange for some coupons. To me it seemed a perfect example of an allegedly tough on crime right-wing ideologue letting a big company that stole millions of dollars off the hook while the little guy goes to prison. I wanted to discuss this with Lungren over lunch.

After the auction, lunch was scheduled a number of times with Lungren's efficient staff, and then efficiently cancelled and rescheduled. But my July date in his office in Los Angeles, where I

was spending the summer, held up.

When I called to confirm I spoke with the aide who would brief Lungren on me before our lunch. He asked me if I was related to Dianne and I answered that I was not, and that Mr. Feinstein was only her second of three husbands. I then heard a knowing laugh, which I interpreted as relief that the arch-conservative Christian-right Lungren was not going to be bothered by some Jew-liberal. Unfortunately for him, he was wrong.

Our meeting took place at the Ronald Reagan building in downtown Los Angeles, where his staff had planned we would have lunch in the building's cafeteria. After the area was secured by his two guards, I met Lungren himself. He was friendly and well put together, except for some sort of problem that kept his eyes from focusing properly. We then went down to the cafeteria, accompanied by an aide and his two guards, as he and I made small talk about how I liked Hastings and similar topics.

In the cafeteria we discussed the various options, I waited in the cold sandwich line while Lungren waited in the hot food line. I got a club sandwich and Lungren got a hamburger after

waiting in line just like everybody else. He then paid for both our lunches and we sat at a table chosen by the security guards.

My sandwich was an adequate club sandwich. I did not ask Lungren how his hamburger was, but he had two patties, no cheese or exotic toppings, and he exchanged vegetables with his aide.

Lungren talked at length about the various activities of his office. When he asked me what I was doing for the summer I told him that I was working with a small firm representing injured workers and that my father was a workers' compensation judge. The lunch was only a few days after the state legislature had passed a bill making it much harder for workers to get treatment and be compensated for their work injuries.

Lungren asked me what my office thought about the bill. I told him they were concerned that the new law would be very bad for injured workers. I also told him that the judges were upset that they got no support from the governor and the new law changed their title from judge to referee, a basically meaningless downgrading of title that was included in the bill out of spite. Lungren told me that he supported

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Restaurant Review

Oasis in the Tenderloin

West African Food Comes to the East Block

By Robert P. Silverstein

STAFF WRITER

LA SAVANE
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La Savane, just a block from Hastings at 96 McAllister St., offers a welcome respite from the rigors of law and the sometimes gritty realities of our neighborhood. Featuring West African cuisine, this restaurant and full bar serves exotic, quality fare at reasonable prices. Appetizers start at around \$3.00, while most entrees cost less than \$10.00. Additionally, during October Hastings students will receive 15

percent off all items (exclusive of alcohol) upon presentation of a

valid student I.D.

While you probably won't feel transported to Senegal, you might forget for a time that you're in the Tenderloin. Sweeping archways open onto the main room where walls are decorated with painted mats and hand-carved wooden masks. A steady stream of African and Caribbean tunes adds to the ambience.

Meals start with hot, crispy bread served in a miniature wooden boat (Sounds like campy, but found it amusing.) The sweet potato french fries (\$3.00) with tomato concasse and seared spices (including thyme, rosemary and black pepper) topped with melted cheddar cheese was subtly flavorful. It's sort of an African



Photo by Steve Anderson
Interior of La Savane.

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Music

Boom, Boom, Boom.

By Eric Tao
MUSIC COLUMIST

"That's cool...duh huh huh, uh-huh huh. Heh, heh, heh, uh-uh huh, heh, heh, it has fire, FIRE! FIRE! FIRE!"

Ahh, another bleary-eyed summer come and gone, sitting mindlessly fucked-up on my parents' living room couch weaving in and out of slumber and drunken stupor, lulled by the flautations of those role models of modern American suburban youth, Beavis and Butt-head, while the sun starts to rise to begin another non-productive day tripping around at that summer "legally related" job. But now it's a back in school...yippe!

"Concerns of federalism and comity have resulted in the development of specific rules governing positions for the writ of habeas corpus from state prisoners."

Ahh, wide-eyed and alert, hanging on every word of the stute erudite professor, seeing the multi-faceted, kaleidoscopic meaning which can be extrapolated from the case being thoroughly discussed and dissected like an organism to the very carbon molecules of its

composition. Every morning, the bright, well scrubbed faces of eager students ready to take hold and face the challenges of the Law, inspiring!

Not that it can hope to compare to the titillating world of Hastings, there are a few distractions available to students a la the San Francisco club scene.

My second week back to school we decided to head out to Martini's, Friday Martini's is those mega-clubs 4th and 18th, like two clubs in review, Factory and 181 Eddy, has a ridiculous sliding-scale dress code. Basic rules:

1. Don't wear white sneakers.
 2. T-shirts are OK unless they have a design. Basically I wore a dirty undershirt and it was cool, but a nice striped colorful T was denied to the door...Senseless.
 3. Don't wear shorts.
 4. Don't wear sweats.
- Of course, none of these rules

apply if you are a woman. I saw a woman walk in with sneakers, a T-shirt tied at the waist, and raggedy Daisy Dukes. Admittedly she looked like she walked off the set of Body Shaping, but where is the fairness of me waiting my sorry ass in line while an underdressed stair master climbing, rice cake eating, big hair wearing female walks in straightaway and probably free. Definitely an excellent topic for one of our illustrious journals.

Our group was seven, but my friend Joe was wearing white high-tops and was denied at the door. —How the hell did Hoot get in with his ugly-ass Loto indoor soccer shoes?!— Cover is \$10 and drinks are typical of clubs running between \$3 and \$5. The first room plays retro-disco and hip hop and the second larger room plays techno. It is quite an experience walking from the front room, listening to such sophisticated lyrics as "All I want to do is to Zoom Zoom Zoom in your Boom Boom," "Whoo there it is," and my personal favorite "Hip Hop Hoary, Ho, Hoary, Ho" and then enter into techno techno techno, bam bam bam, lyrics I don't understand but sounds cool because it's sung with

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Reel World

The Joy Luck Club Achieves its Own Radiance

By Dolly Reynolds

Something was bound to be lost in the movie version of Amy Tan's lush, poetic novel, *The Joy Luck Club*, which deals with the troubled relationships between a group of Bay Area Chinese mothers and their American daughters. Much of the complexity of the book was lost on the way to Hollywood, but the movie achieves a radiance all its own.

The title refers to the friendship of four women, Suyuan, Lindo, Ying Ying, and An Mei, who, having immigrated to San Francisco, spent weekly around the mah-jongg table. Their friendship spanned 30 years. They call themselves the Joy Luck Club, although "their connection to each other had more to do with hope than either joy or luck."

Each woman has a daughter who has grown up in America, "swallowing more Coca-Cola than sorrow." The members of the Joy Luck Club have left behind unspeakable tragedies in China, and the conflict between the mothers and daughters, raised in radically different cultures, provides the thematic basis for both the book and the movie. The American daughters, June, Waverly, Lena and Rose, cannot understand what has made their mothers act the way they do. The mothers are equally baffled by their daughters' inability to accept their love.

Tan's novel presents the stories of these eight women through a series of complex, internal narratives told from each character's perspective. How, then, could she translate all these stories into a Hollywood medium that is most successful in dealing with the trite and sensationalized?

The Joy Luck Club makes a valiant effort. The film was directed by Wayne Wang, a talented Chinese-American director whose previous work includes "Chun is Missing," "Eat a Bowl of Tea," and a beautiful film about a Chinese mother and her American daughter, "Dim Sum." The screenplay was written by Ronald Bass (who also wrote "Rain Man"), and Amy Tan herself. Tan's contribution to the screenplay may be what is best and worst about the movie.

The film opens in present-day San Francisco at a large party in which the members of the Joy Luck Club, their grown daughters, and all the multigenerational extended families have assembled. Suyuan has recently passed away, and the party is for her daughter June, who is about to leave for her first trip to China. June is going to China to meet her long-lost sisters, whom Suyuan inexplicably left behind when she fled China during the war. When the remaining members of the Joy Luck Club sit down around the mah-jongg table, June is asked to fill her mother's empty seat. "And so," we hear June say in voice-over, "I sat down on the east, where things begin..." The going away party fades out, and June begins to narrate a scene from her childhood in Chinatown, when "my mother's way of believing in me was to believe that I would be anything she wanted."

Tan uses these voice-overs to tell the stories of each mother and daughter, and the going away party as a pretext for bringing all the characters together. The movie follows a rigidly symmetrical structure. First, something will spark a memory in the mother, who will begin to narrate the story of what happened to her in China. Cut back to the party and the mother's daughter, who will remember something about her childhood with a bewitching and inscrutable mother. Finally, we see a scene from the daughter's current involuntarily life, in which mother and daughter finally come to understand each other and all conflict is resolved. Back to the party and another mother's memory.

The movie is much, much more effective in its individual pieces than in its attempt to coalesce these pieces into a coherent whole. The scenes from the mothers' lives in pre-Communist China are extraordinary, almost Brechtian in their epic beauty, love and sorrow. The contemporary problems of the upscale Bay Area daughters seem trite and forced in comparison. The inevitable resolution scene, complete with maudlin soundtrack, is a blatantly manipulative near-jerking device.

Yet while my head knows all the criticisms, my heart was really moved by these women and their struggles to love each

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50 Ways to Leave Your Library
Reviews of Basement Video GamesBy Eric C. Johnson
and Brian Jebian
STAFF WRITERS

Those video game machines in the basement of the 198 are actually owned by the Associated Students of Hastings. This means you can waste time, money, and sanity while at the same time helping out the school. What evil genius! If this kind of creative funding could be applied to the health care dilemmas of this nation, we'd be getting paid to go see the proctologist.

As a service to the Hastings community, we felt it only necessary to offer our educated (and we do mean educated) opinion about the playability of the video games so thoughtfully provided for us. These games were graded totally subjectively and not placed on some forced-grading curve, so don't expect any poster ratings like 3 1/2 thumbs up, okay?

Quarterback

The game: Head-to-head

football in all its Monday Night glory. Players get to pick plays and control one football superstar.

Brian: This game is totally boring unless you're really into football. And if you're really into football, you're probably totally boring and would love this game.

Eric: I found the controls of this game to be totally unrelated to reality. The terse instructions only compounded my lack of enjoyment.

Street Fighter 2: Championship Edition

The game: The head-to-head, hand-to-hand combat game. The purpose of the game is simple—beat the living not out of your opponent with an incredible assortment of characters and moves.

Brian: The cast of characters is great. Each person seems to have a favorite that reflects their own personality. I, myself, am drawn to the half-human, half-beast from Brazil who enjoys sucking on brains.

Eric: The controls are a bit

hard to learn at first, but once mastered, the game is quite enjoyable. Some people contend that there is no greater satisfaction in life than repeatedly humiliating



Photo by STEVE ALDRIDGE

One of the fearless maintenance people that keep our video games up and running.

people by beating them at this game.

Mortal Kombat

The game: The game the Moral

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Controversy Over New Smoking Policy

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restricting smoking after hours.

The faculty, after an extensive debate and by a large majority, recommended that the Board of Directors completely ban smoking, partially due in anticipation of the statewide ban on smoking. The Board, after reviewing the recommendations of the faculty and the task force, enacted the ban.

The task force invited students to express their concern about the smoking ban through an open forum held in April of this year. The forum was advertised to students through their SIC folders; however, it was only lightly attended. Task force chair Professor David Faigman said he was disappointed with the small turnout. He said the resources put into the forum could have been used better if he knew so few people would attend; however, he was happy that the forum allowed more students to get into the process.

Student task force representative Sharon Hankla, a smoker, called the whole process "a move job." She said everything done was a mere formality and none of the suggestions that the task force made were ever taken seriously. Hankla contended the administration used the task force and the forum as a pacifying process for a decision that was already made. "All we wanted is our own space to go to, and now there's no place for the students," said Hankla.

At the summer board meeting, Academic Dean Mary Kay Kane argued against letting the seminar rooms in the 198 building continue to be smoking rooms because of shared ventilation with non-smoking areas. Hankla disagrees, saying that the seminar rooms are not attached to the ventilation system of the 198 building. Kane states, however, that Facilities reported to the faculty and the task force that the seminar rooms are attached to the ventilation system and there would be no way to prevent smoke-filled air from those rooms from circulating

with fresh air in other rooms.

The issue of the safety of smokers was one consideration before the task force. Considering the nature of the neighborhood, especially at night, many smokers feared leaving the building to smoke. Several smokers involved



Photo By LARUE HANNA
As an anti-victim Larry McClure.

in the process felt that the issue wasn't given enough critical thought. "Many people dismissed it as a joke, as if having to go outside was just another way that smoking is dangerous to your health," says Hankla.

The faculty was less concerned with safety. When debating the issue of security and the smoking ban, the faculty noted that existing security was adequate and it was relatively safe for smokers outside at night. Security Chief John Ophelm said that the smoking ban has created no substantial new security concerns for Hastings. He said smoking outside the 200 building at night is "completely safe" since the outside patio is well-lit and there is a security station just inside the building that has a guard posted continuously. He conceded that smoking outside the 198 building on Hyde Street at night may be a security risk, but saw no problems with students smoking on the balconies of the outside stairwell of the 198 building.

Larry McClure, a third-year student, has a differing opinion about the adequacy of the security of smokers. On September 15th, McClure was waiting for a friend and smoking a cigarette on the

concrete patio outside the 198 McAllister building. It was about 6 p.m.—just after the main doors to the 198 building were locked. A man saw McClure smoking, approached him from the street and asked him for a cigarette. McClure apologized and told the man that the one he was smoking was his only one. The man "went crazy," McClure said, the man balled his hands and started swearing, yelling, and demanding a cigarette. McClure was trapped on the patio since main doors were locked and the man was between him and the street.

McClure gave the man the cigarette he was smoking, but that did not placate the man. At that point, the friend McClure was waiting for came and broke up the confrontation. According to McClure, no security guards were around at the time. He feels that the current policy just doesn't balance the health needs of the students with the security needs of smokers.

Another complaint of the smokers was the way people claimed that the smoking ban was inevitable due to A.B. 291. "The bill was used to justify a policy, when the reality is that the law doesn't apply to Hastings," Hankla contended. Spicer's office admitted that it was a "tough call" to determine if Hastings is included in A.B. 291. While the bill does specifically name the University of California and the California State University System as covered by the bill, Hastings is not so listed. "The law could be, the office of Assembly member Spicer explained, strictly interpreted by the judicial branch so that any place not specifically listed in A.B. 291 is excluded from the smoking ban. Representatives of Hastings did lobby to have the college included in the bill, but the request was made too late in the legislative process.

Dean

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Reagan could convince former Chief Justice Warren E. Burger to leave the University of Miami for a tenured position here at Hastings. Great professors such as these men would necessarily attract other top-notch legal scholars to our faculty.

Dean Reagan's administration will also be socially beneficial. Much as he helped to dismantle the Soviet "evil empire," he can help to bring about the end of

Not all smokers are upset by the smoking ban. Second-year student Laurie Simonson, although a smoker, said she found that smelling smoke while eating is obnoxious and enjoys eating in a smoke-free environment. She considers the smoking ban "near the bottom" on her list of complaints about Hastings. Second-year student and smoker David Schwartz agreed, saying that having to go outside to smoke doesn't really bother him. He added, however, that the administration is indirectly

sought a consensus since an edict would not satisfy those who disagreed with the outcome. To him, it wasn't the result that was important, but the guarantee of a fair process.

Second year student Nicole Carson, a nonsmoker who helped circulate a petition in the spring to restrict smoking, felt that there was adequate notice in the process for everyone. "For once," Carson said, "the administration did everything possible to respond to the concerns of the students." She blames any lack of student

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and demanding a cigarette.**

participation by forcing smokers to congregate together and submit to group peer pressure.

Many smokers said they felt as though being a smoker had deprived them of their rights in the worried about their safety. Many used the "slippery slope" argument, saying the arguments for the smoking ban could also justify policies against obese and handicapped students. "I was under the mistaken belief that law students had the ability to make critical distinctions and not automatically follow the mob mentality," said Hankla.

Dean Read said he was satisfied with how the process attempted to balance all views concerning a difficult issue. "There will always be disagreement over the substance of the outcome of the issue," says Read, "but the procedure that was used ensured that every voice was heard and acknowledged." Read

participation on apathy, not on the college.

Associated Students of Hastings President June Morse acknowledged the emotional impact of the policy, but said that given the problems facing Hastings and the inevitability of the state-wide smoking ban, this issue just wasn't that high of a priority.

If there is widespread opposition to the smoking ban and it is determined that A.B. 291 will not affect Hastings, the Board of Directors may be petitioned to reverse its decision. Anyone interested in suggesting an alternative plan may petition the General Counsel to put the smoking ban on the agenda of the next Board of Directors meeting.

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at me. You will attempt to push back the creeping insecurities and doubts you have about your own beliefs by huddling with a group of like-minded comrades. Each of you will reassure the others that I am only dreaming. In this I agree with you. I AM dreaming. For you see, Ronald Reagan has already done his service for our country. And he has served America bravely. He is not a spent man, but a satisfied one. So rest assured, he would never come to Hastings. Yet I warn you, as long as there are those of us here who respect and admire him, the spirit of Reagan lives within our esteemed law school.

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On the Beach

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ing the first week, I can safely give it the big two thumbs up.

Looking back now, it is apparent to me that I had motives beyond my normally casual approach to the people watching that first week. I was curious to see what my fellow students were like. Was everybody pretty much like me? Could I relate? The normal I-someplace-new anxieties. So I would peer up from my reading and look around. It was really interesting. I discovered that there are many different dynamics at work here at Hastings—the latent stress and competitiveness, the genuine sociability, the career making. A whole bunch of con-

flating pressures, both overt and covert, acting on everyone.

Sometimes, though, when I was sitting out on the Beach, I would wonder what we look like to the people who pass by us everyday: the ordinary Jills and Joes heading back to the grind on the Muni, the suit-and-tie guys and gals away from their cubicle for lunch, the garden variety nanners. What do they see? I try to imagine what they are thinking, and get their point of view when I hang out on the Beach. Do they appreciate the ethnically diverse student body that we enjoy at Hastings? Or do we all look the same to them, like little junior lawyers hoping to rake in the big money someday? Something to think about (as if there isn't enough on your mind these days).

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other. This is a deeply affecting movie, and much of the acting is inspired. It is also, despite the ad which tells you to bring four times as much Kleenex as you used in "Terms of Endearment," very, very funny. When all these elements come together, the effect is stunning.

There is so much talent apparent in so many aspects of "Joy Luck" that I'm almost angry at the movie for falling into a melodramatic sentimentality. There are just too many stones here to be told and resolved in a two-hour movie, and the complexity and ambiguity of the relationships in the novel are lost. While voice-

overs do provide a structure and let us hear Tan's poetry, they also cripple the very talented actors. Some of the worst examples of this come when director Wayne Wang lets his camera linger on a scene while the actors stand frozen and misty-eyed, maudlin music starts playing, and a voice-over tell you what everyone is feeling. As Lawrence Olivier would say, "why not try acting?"

Still, the movie also handles this tumultuous cross-cultural mother-daughter love with a bewildering grace. It is a rare treat to see the relationships between women played out in such a rich and evocative way. We don't always know how our mothers' experiences affect our daily lives, but Amy Tan can put our feelings into words. As An Mei says sadly to her daughter Rose, "I was raised the Chinese way, taught to swallow other people's misery and eat my own bitterness. Even though I taught my daughter the opposite, she turned out the same way."

The "Joy Luck Club" is playing at the Regency.

Dia De La Raza

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people eat during the speeches was changed out of respect for the speakers. The new policy did not appear to affect attendance at the event as all of the tables were filled to capacity.

Salsa music at the event was provided by local legends Benny Velarde y Su Supercombo. The group plays weekly at the popular night spot Café du Nord. The Latin beat drew several salsa enthusiasts out on the dance floor to enjoy the music.

Student reaction to the event was generally positive. However, Frank Jiang, a second year student, felt that the group was somewhat disingenuous about the event. He felt that if La Raza wanted to present a speaker, the group should attract students with the message being delivered, not with beer and food.



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West Block

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courthouse on the site has been set aside—possibly for good, since the San Francisco Superior Court now appears likely to build its new facilities over the Sears restaurant on Golden Gate.

The administration has expressed disappointment, but not despair, at the slow progress of its plans for developing the West Block parcel. I am disappointed, as is everybody, that the outlook wasn't brighter," said Dean Kane, "but this is the first time in my tenure that we have had facts in front of us. The Board will now be able to come up with a plan, which is the good news."

Dean Kane said last spring's survey of student views on campus housing showed the complaints had less to do with the McAllister Tower facilities than with the surrounding neighborhood, so students would not see homes on the West Block as much of an improvement.

Videomania

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Minority loves to hate! People actually want to ban this game because it is too disgustingly violent! Basically, it's another beat-your-friends-until-they-die game, but the death scenes may be too intense for anyone under the age of 107. NOTE: This is a demonic game that requires two quarters to start—an obvious play by the fascist game designers of the world to deprive everyday people of their natural right to see computerized heads ripped off.

Brian: I never actually succeeded at ripping Eric's head off, but I came close several times. The blood effect is a gimmick that gets old quick. Not worth two quarters.

Eric: If you liked the movie *Bloodsucking Franks*, then this is game for you! Of course, you need to master the various joystick

controls before you can successfully employ the quivering palm of death.

Tetris

The game: A late 80s classic. Little blocks in various shapes drop from the sky. The player attempts to place the blocks in a row before the shapes stack up. Simple premise, maddening results.

Brian: A good game, but too intellectual for my tastes. It's easy to play and mind numbingly hypnotic. The arcade's graphics are just as good as the hand-held Gameboy's, if that tells you anything about the visual quality.

Eric: A very nice, non-competitive, non-violent game. Makes me want to kill people.

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West Block Beating

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unclear. Matt Bisby, a tenant of Hastings for 13 years and member of the West Block Tenants' Association, says there have been at least 13 break-ins and a number of other attempts. He said the burglaries were not limited to the 324 Larkin building, but have occurred in all four of Hastings' West Block Properties. However, only two incidents, both at 324 Larkin, have been reported to the police. Mr. Bisby says that many of the elderly victims fear retribution by the burglar if they talk to the police.

In addition to the assault on Ms. Cummings, the other reported incident involved a 94-year-old tenant of 324 Larkin, George Hargraves. On July 7, Mr. Hargraves' apartment was burglarized, apparently while he was inside of it. Mr. Hargraves died four days later. The San Francisco Examiner reported: "He died as a result of being beaten to death by the burglar."

"That was incorrect," says Hastings spokesman Tom Debby. "We have spoken to Mr. Hargraves' personal physician, who assured us Mr. Hargraves died as a result of natural causes. His body showed no signs of having been beaten, and the actual cause of death was pneumonia." The Examiner has subsequently printed a retraction.

But this is little comfort to Hastings' terrified tenants, who are demanding the College reinstate walk-through patrols of the apartment buildings by Hastings security officers. From 1978 to 1990, uniformed Hastings security officers walked through the West Block buildings three times a day. There was a red security phone in each apartment lobby which the tenants could use to call Hastings security in the event of a crime in the building.

In 1990, the walk-through patrols were stopped, and tenants were told only to use the red security phones to report "building emergencies." "A building emergency," says Hastings Director of Facilities Ed Levine, "is a fire. Incidents involving crime in the buildings are the responsibility of SFPD. The residents should call 911."

Mr. Levine says that while Hastings has "absolutely no plans to reinstate the walk-through security patrols," the College has taken a number of steps to increase security at 324 Larkin in response to the summer break-in. These measures include changing the locks on the front entrance, replacing the fire exit doors, and

increasing the height of the fence around the building to make it more difficult to climb over.

According to Tom Debby, Hastings is also planning to have a security specialist from SFPD walk through the building and evaluate the safety measures the school has taken. "Beyond that," says Mr. Debby, "we are like any other landlord. We do not provide private police protection to our tenants. We rely on the SFPD."

The tenants, however, want the protection of Hastings' security officers, and have been fighting to have the walk-through patrols reinstated ever since the College stopped them in 1990. In 1991, the tenants successfully petitioned the San Francisco Rent Board for a reduction in their rent due to the decreased security in the building. Many West Block residents view the brutal attack on Helen Cummings as the latest chapter in this ongoing dispute with Hastings.

"We warned Hastings that it would come in this," says West Block Tenants' Association member Matt Bisby. "The fact is our buildings are unsafe."

Hastings denies this criticism, contending the walk-through patrols "The College terminated the service," says Ed Levine, "because the tenants were calling our officers to handle extremely dangerous situations, like violent domestic disputes inside of people's apartments." Levine noted that our security officers have never carried guns, and in 1990 did have Peace Officer status with its attendant power of arrest. The tenant calls for the West Block went far beyond the scope of the officers' training. "This situation was extremely dangerous and we could not allow it to continue," says Levine.

"Hastings' security officers are responsible for providing security to the students and employees of the College, not to the tenants of the West Block properties," says Tom Debby. "We are concerned about the safety of our tenants, but providing full police service is beyond what other landlords are asked to do."

However, tenants' attorney Steve Colby of the Tenderloin Housing Clinic said differently. "It may be beyond what other landlords are asked to do," he says, "but if an elderly woman is being beaten, and your security officer is right around the corner, wouldn't you want him to help her?"

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an English accent:

Most people in clubs enter with a cold adversarial attitude. Gone are the days of "excuse me, may I have this dance?" Now, women dance a sultry, I'm on Club MTV groove, staring around with icy coolness as guys hip hop, boogie, disco, what ever we do, up to the woman hating she doesn't spit in our eyes, crush a toe with a stiletto heel, and blatantly dismiss us as the walks away. As Ru Paul put so succinctly "You better work."

As bad as clubs get, Martin's is the worst, it is a zoo. Unlike clubs that come and go every six months, it has maintained its presence for several years; the result is that it has suffered what Ben Otis calls the "Bridges and Tunnels" syndrome. Most of the clientele have to cross a bridge or go through a tunnel to get to it...the fearful 'burb crew. However, if the hunt, the chase, is what twists your pretzel and hinders your com, Martin's is calling. "Hih, heh, he said pretzel, heh heh, Uih, yeah, hah, Martin's sounds cool, huh huh."

The very next night we went to the Sound Factory. Early last semester a friend had recommended it; but I had reached that point where waking up with dried, face planted in my Civ Pro text was the regular event of my life. Sound Factory is located on Harrison and First near that super yuppie brew pub,

Gordon Birsch. The Factory is run by the same people who do the Sound Factory in New York. Straightaway the contrast between Martin's and the Factory becomes evident. The cover is also \$10 and the drinks are priced the same, but it is much cleaner and less cluttered like a speakeasy. It is more like the Mayan of L.A., much as Martin's is like L.A.'s Vertigo.

In the first main dance hall they have these two wicked guys in fishnet stockings, Speedo's, completely ripped bodies, wearing sky-high funky dreads and dancing like they were on powder. I'm pretty sure they were hired in add to the atmosphere. The main room or the Blue Room plays cool techno, the Red Room is a lounge with retro-surreal funk with different scenes. Seems like it has become a big Hastings club hangout. Another good Hastings Thursday night dance club hangout is the Elbo Room. Unlike the previous three clubs it is smaller and much more relaxed. The cover is only \$2 and the music is mostly funk and Shabba Ranks dance reggae. The Elbo Room is located on Valencia between 17th and 16th in the Mission.

S.F. is full of other clubs with different scenes. Well known smaller ones such as Nickie's. The Top, So What? as well as the bigger venues such as the Kennel Club, Club DNA, The Endup all serve up the Boom Boom Boom to dance and sweat. "Hey Beavis, huh, huh, show me your Boom Boom, duhh uh-hih, Hih, heh, yeah, who needs a club, heh, heh, BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!"

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